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AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the Agricultural Costs and Price Commission in determining the prices of foodgrains;

(b) whether this commission is working satisfactorily;

(c) if so, whether the Government have been ignoring the recommendations of the commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The CACP provides advice on a continuing basis on Agricultural Price Policy andprice structure in the context of the need to raise agricultural production and relief to the consumer.

(b) to (d) The recommendations of the CACP have been useful to the Governmentin formulating agricultural price policy. Usually the recommendations of the CACP areaccepted by the Government for fixation of minimum support price (MSP) of majoragricultural commodities. However, in special situations, the Government may amend the recommendations of the CACP for valid reasons.